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PATENT APPLICATION EXAMINING OPERATIONS

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the January 10, 2006 Office action, please amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2  
of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.